

1 REMARKS

2 Claims 1-72 were pending at the time of the Action.

3 Claims 1-15, 20-36, 41-72 are rejected.

4 Claims 16-19, 37-40 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected
5 base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all
6 of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Appropriate
7 amendments have been made to the claims in order to place them in condition of
8 allowance. In particular, claims 16 and 37 have been amended as allowable
9 independent claims.

10 Claims 3, 4, 6, 7 and 15 have been amended to depend upon allowable
11 independent claim 16.

12 Claims 5, 17, 18 and 19 as originally presented depend from allowable
13 independent claim 16.

14 Claims 24, 25, 27, 28 and 36 have been amended to depend upon allowable
15 independent claim 37.

16 Claims 26, 38, 39 and 40 as originally presented depend from allowable
17 independent claim 37.

18 Claims 1-2, 8-14, 20-23, 29-35, and 41-72 are cancelled without prejudice.

19 Accordingly, claims 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 16, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 36, 37,
20 38, 39 and 40 remain pending.

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Conclusion

All pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the present application. Should any issue remain that prevents immediate issuance of the application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss the unresolved issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

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